

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2678 without my signature.

I support the author's intention to lower textbook costs to college students, and am generally supportive of textbook rental programs as one means to make the overall cost of college attendance more affordable. However, I am opposed to provisions in the bill that would allow additional fees to be assessed to all students, even those not using the program, in order to keep a textbook rental service financially self sustaining.

Therefore, since nothing in current statute prohibits a California university or college from establishing and maintaining a textbook rental program, without these objectionable provisions, I cannot sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger